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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records—(OMB No. 0930-0092)—Extension

Statute (42 U.S.C. 290dd-2) and regulations (42 CFR Part 2) require federally conducted, regulated, or directly or indirectly assisted alcohol and drug abuse programs to keep alcohol and drug abuse patient records confidential. Information requirements are (1) written disclosure to patients about Federal laws and regulations that protect the confidentiality of each patient, and (2) documenting “medical personnel” status of recipients of a disclosure to meet a medical emergency. Annual burden estimates for these requirements are summarized in the table below. A notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the

Federal Register on August 26, 2019. <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/FR-2019-08-26/2019-17817>. The final rule will likely not be published prior to the expiration of this current PRA package which is why this extension of the current rule is necessary.

Annualized Burden Estimates

	Annual No. of Respondents ¹	Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hour Burden
Disclosure					
42 CFR 2.22	11,779	163	1,920,844 ²	.20	384,169
Recordkeeping					
42 CFR 2.51	11,779	2	23,558	.167	3,934
TOTAL	11,779	-	1,944,402	-	388,103

¹The number of publicly funded alcohol and drug facilities from SAMHSA's 2017 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS).

²The average number of annual treatment admissions from SAMHSA's 2015-2017 Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS).

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57-B, Rockville, Maryland 20857, **OR** e-mail a copy to **summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov**. Written comments should be received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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